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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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The Honorable Dr. Mark Rosekind
Administrator
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1200 New Jersey Ave SE
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Dear Administrator McCarthy and Administrator Rosekind:

We write regarding the upcoming Mid-Term Evaluation of the Model Year (MY) 2022-2025 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Program standards for light-duty vehicles that were jointly published in October of 2012 (“MY 2022-2025 Standards”). The Mid-Term Evaluation is an important regulatory assessment, and the results may change the course of the program and have significant economic impacts, especially for consumers.

We understand that EPA and NHTSA are planning to publish a Draft Technical Assessment Report (TAR) around the middle of 2016. We also understand that a final determination regarding the appropriateness of the MY 2022-2025 standards is not required until April of 2018. We are seeking additional insight into how the agencies see the process unfolding between those dates. In particular, we would appreciate your responses to the following questions:

1. When do you expect to release the Draft TAR? Have you determined how long the comment period on the Draft TAR will be?
2. Will the agencies respond to comments received on the Draft TAR? If so, when will this response be completed and published?

3. Will public comments and responses be part of the official rulemaking record for the Mid-Term Review?
4. Will the Draft TAR be republished as a “final” document once the agencies have reviewed and responded to public comments?
5. Following the publication of the Draft TAR, do the agencies have an overall schedule for completing the Mid-Term Evaluation process? Please share any timelines that you have developed for the process.
6. Please explain the role of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in the Mid-Term Evaluation, and describe the degree of coordination among EPA, NHTSA, and CARB in the preparation of the Draft TAR. Is inter-agency information sharing taking place with regard to economic impact analyses, consumer impact analyses, technology cost and effectiveness assessments, and modelling as well as other factors?

Please provide your responses to the above questions by April 25, 2016. Thank you for your attention to these issues. We look forward to a Mid-Term Evaluation process that offers a robust opportunity for public participation, and that includes a comprehensive review of all information relevant to the 2022-2025 standards. Should you have any questions, please contact Ben Lieberman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee staff at 202-225-2927.

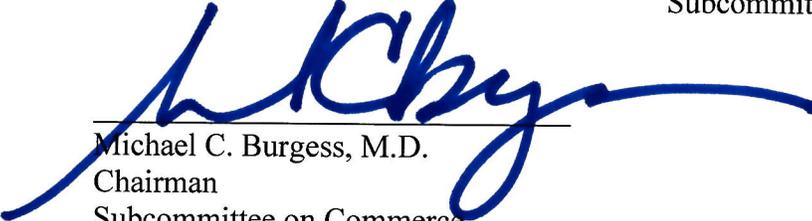
Sincerely,



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Cc: California Air Resources Board